XXX.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Southampton *to* Joſiah Colebrooke, *Apothecary, F. R. S. of the Shocks felt in thoſe Parts,* March 18 *and* 19. 1749-50.

March 19. 1749.

Read March 29. 1750. WE have had nothing of an Earthquake in theſe Parts till laſt *Sunday* Evening, when they had it all over the *Iſle of Wight*. My Son wrote me the following Account of it, which is dated at *Newport*, on *Monday* the 19th:

" Laſt Night, juſt at 6 o' Clock, as my Aunt " and I were ſitting together, we felt an Earth- " quake, and a terrible one I think. At firſt we " heard a ſmall Noiſe, which we ſuppoſed was a " Chariot; and, as the Noiſe grew louder, the " Houſe began to ſhake; till at laſt the Noiſe grew " ſo loud, and the Houſe ſhook ſo much, that we " expected it would fall down. I believe it con- " tinued near a Minute; and it was a great Mercy " we were not all conſumed. I confeſs I was " dreadfully frighten'd. We had nothing fell down " from the Shelves in our Houſe; but both our " Neighbours had Things thrown down from their " Shelves. I heard a Man ſay there was another " Shock this Morning between Three and Four of " the Clock, but we felt nothing of that. I be- " lieve it was felt all over the Iſland; for here is " a Man in Town who felt it at *St. Helen*'s."

Yeſterday

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Saturday I heard they had a little of it at *Portſmouth* and *Lymington:* And a Servant-Maid in this Town ſays, ſhe felt her Chair ſhake; and the Windows ſhook, and the Wainſcot crack'd, juſt at the ſame time: But I neither felt it, nor can find any body beſides that did.

XXXI.

A Letter from Mr. Peter Newcome *F. R. S. to the* Preſident, *concerning the ſame Shock being felt at* Hackney, *near* London.

SIR,

Read March 29. 1750. I BEG Leave to give you ſome Account of what was felt in our Houſe at *Hackney*, on *Sunday* the 18th, a little after 6 o' Clock in the Evening; as we have received Accounts of the Shock of an Earthquake being felt at *Bath*, *Portſmouth*, and ſome other Places on that Day.

My Couſin *Peter Newcome* was ſitting in his Chamber on the upper Floor of the Houſe, looking towards the Fire, when he plainly perceiv'd the Hearth of his Chimney to be moved; and immediately felt the Chamber rock three or four times from Weſt to Eaſt but heard no Noiſe, as at the time of that Shock felt on the 8th.

Being much ſurpriſed, he was running downſtairs, and there met with one of the Maid-Servants, who was running in a great Fright out of another Room